



School Bus Travel Information

Iona College provides students with several options to access bus services to and from school:

- Iona College Chartered Bus Service
- Regional Country Bus Service
- Public Bus Service

The cost of transport and eligibility for Conveyance Allowance is determined by a student's place of residence. In 2023, the College has made the decision to have seatbelts on all buses that travel in a 100km zone which now sees the need to introduce a split of fees into two tiers.

Some students will require a transport link to a specified pickup point and transfer to an Iona Chartered Bus Service.

Students are only permitted to travel on their allocated bus. Ad hoc travel between services is not allowed.

Student Travel Behaviour

Bus safety is very important to us and is a shared responsibility. In the interest of safety for students, the driver and members of the public, safety rules must always be followed whilst travelling on Iona College Chartered services and McHarry's Bus services.

Students and families are required to complete an Iona College Conditions of Bus Travel form annually.

To ensure the safety and comfort of all, students behaving poorly, dangerously and/or disrespectfully, may be excluded from using this service at the discretion of the Principal.

Conveyance Allowance

Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school. Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public or private bus.

Eligibility criteria:

- Student resides 4.8km or further from their school
- Student's not attending their nearest school co-educational Catholic College (St Ignatius, Drysdale) will require a letter from their nearest school stating that an enrolment place is not available.

Once you have checked that you are eligible for Conveyance Allowance, please see the following information for instructions specific to your local bus transport system.

Please note: A Conveyance Allowance application form does not need to be completed each year unless there is a change of residential address.

Change of Address

If there is a change of address during enrolment, please notify the College and complete the relevant Public Transport Travel Student Conveyance Allowance Application Form with your new address details.

Iona Chartered Bus Service

Iona College charters buses services from several locations around Geelong and Surfcoast areas.

BusMinder, an innovative bus monitoring system was installed on our morning and afternoon services towards the end of Term 1, 2022 allowing the College to track where our buses are locating in real time and who is on the bus. Parents

are also be able to view where their child's allocated bus is and when and where your child taps off via the BusMinder parent app.

Students residing 4.8km or further from the College who access this service are required to complete a Conveyance Allowance application- Private Bus Form.

Students will receive a PTV School Student ID card during Term 1 to access this service and are required to tap on and tap off when boarding and exiting the bus.

Please note: students can still use the Iona bus as they are recognised by our regular drivers by wearing their Iona Uniform.

Regional Country Bus Service

The Regional Bus Coordinator is based at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College.

Students travelling from the following locations are required to complete an Application for Permission to Travel form available from Iona College Reception. Bus Passes are not issued for this travel.

Anakie, Anglesea, Bamba, Bannockburn, Barrabool, Batesford, Bellbrae, Bells Beach, Buckley, Ceres, Deans Marsh, Fairhaven, Freshwater Creek, Gheringhap, Gnarwarre, Inverleigh, Lethbridge, Little River, Lorne, Maude, Meredith, Moorabool, Moriac, Mt Moriac, Shelford, Stonehaven, Teesdale, Winchelsea, Wingeel

Student's not attending their nearest school co-educational Catholic College (St Ignatius, Drysdale) will require a letter stating that an enrolment place is not available.

Public Bus Service

McHarry's Buslines and V/Line operate transport services connecting to an Iona Chartered Bus Service.

Students travelling on a public bus or train and residing 4.8kms or further from the College may be eligible for a full refund for the cost of a yearly MYKI pass (Regional Student Pass). The cost is claimed on your behalf and credited to your school fee account during Term 1.

To be eligible to claim for the cost of a yearly MKYI pass, receipts must be submitted to College Reception by the end of February.

Please take your child's PTV School Student ID to either Geelong or Marshall station to purchase your Regional Student yearly pass.

Please note: Students travelling from areas such as Leopold, Ocean Grove, Queenscliffe Drysdale and areas of Barwon Heads are not attending their nearest school co-educational Catholic College (St Ignatius, Drysdale) and will require a letter stating that an enrolment place is not available.

Students accessing this service are required to complete a Conveyance Allowance application- Public transport form.

For information regarding regional train and bus services please refer to [McHarry's website](#) or [V/Line](#) website

Please note: train travellers please download the V/Line App for service announcements and cancellations.

Helpful Contacts

Iona College

Bus Coordinator

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McHarry's Buslines

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